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**TO: All VA Lenders**

**Subj: Revision of VA Form 26-0286, VA Loan Summary Sheet**

**1. PURPOSE:** This release announces a revision to VA Form 26-0286. The significant changes are:

- a. Items 45 A, B, and C have blocks to allow the lender to indicate which VA recognized automated underwriting system was used and blocks to reflect the risk classification;
- b. Item 46 allows for entry of the median Credit Score for the veteran. This data is being collected for statistical purposes; and
- c. The order of some of the items has been changed to allow for ease of input by VA personnel.

**2. EFFECTIVE DATE:** Lenders may begin using the revised form immediately. The use of this revised form will be **mandatory** for all loans with a closing date of April 1, 2002, and thereafter. This should allow enough time for lenders to make any necessary modifications to their internal systems.

**3. COPIES OF THE REVISED FORM:** Copies of the front and back of the revised form are attached to this information letter. The form is also available for download at [www.vba.va.gov/pubs/homeloanforms.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/homeloanforms.htm), or [www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/26-0286.pdf](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/26-0286.pdf).

**4. YOUR PARTICIPATION:** Thank you for your continuing participation in our VA Loan Guaranty program.

/s/

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